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SUBJECT: VENFUEL INVOLVEMENT IN JACKSONVILLE GRAND JURY

INVESTIGATION DESCRIBED IN CARACAS PRESS-MINES

MINISTRY BEGINS INVESTIGATION

REF: CARACAS 3008

1. CARACAS NEWSPAPER EL NACIONAL HEADLINED PAGE IN ECONOMIC SECTION OF PAPER MARCH 18 "VENFUEL IMPLICATED (INVOLUCRAN) IN PETROLEUM PRICE FRAUD." STORY UNDER HEADLINE IS DATELINED WASHINGTON AND QUOTES WASHINGTON STAR REPORT OF MARCH 17 ON VENFUEL PROBLEM WITH JACKSONVILLE ELECTRIC COMPANY.

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IS ITEM STATING THAT VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS HAS ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED FRAUD THAT COULD HAVE INVOLVED VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM. ACTING MINISTER FERNANDO BAEZ DUARTE WAS QUOTES AS SAYING THAT VENEZUELA MAINTAINS STRICK CONTROL OVER ITS OIL EXPORTS AND PRICES, BUT IS UNABLE TO GUARANTEE FINAL DESTINATION OF OIL AFTER IT LEAVES THE COUNTRY. THIS IS DUE TO NATURE OF BUSINESS WHEREBY EXPORTERS OFTEN CHANGE DESTINATION AFTER OIL ENROUTE OR RESELL CARGO,  
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ETC. NEVERTHELESS, THE ACTING MINISTER SAID HE IS ORDERING

AN INVESTIGATION ON BASIS OF PRESS STORIES(REFTEL. HE  
ADDED THAT GOV SHOULD KNOW FINAL DESTINATION OF ITS OIL AND  
CONDITIONS SURROUNDING EXPORT. THE ACTING MINISTER OBSERVED  
THAT ON OTHER OCCASIONS, WHEN FIXING REFERENCE PRICES FOR OIL  
EXPORT, EXPERTS FROM HIS MINISTRY HAVE CARRIED OUT INVESTIGATIONS  
OF MARKET FACTORS WHERE SHIPMENTS WOULD BE SENT. LAST STA-  
TEMENT PRESUMABLY IS INTENDED TO INDICATE THAT GOV  
IS CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION.  
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